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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 2/3/17

Referred: Labor and Commerce

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES TUCK, LeDoux, Parish, Fansler, Gara, Spohnholz, Josephson, Chenault, Tarr, Saddler, Westlake

SENATORS Costello, Micciche, Shower, Bishop, Stevens, Hoffman, Hughes, Egan, Coghill, Begich, Wielechowski, Meyer, Wilson, Olson, von Imhof, Kelly

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a voluntary preference for members of the national guard and**
2 **veterans by private employers."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 18.80.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) Nothing in this chapter is intended to prohibit a private employer from
6 granting an employment preference to a member of the national guard or a veteran
7 when hiring an employee. In this subsection,

8 (1) "member of the national guard" means a person presently serving
9 as a member in good standing in the national guard;

10 (2) "veteran" means a person who was discharged under honorable
11 conditions from service in

12 (A) the armed forces of the United States;

13 (B) a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States;

14 (C) the Alaska Territorial Guard;

- (D) the Alaska Army National Guard;
- (E) the Alaska Air National Guard; or
- (F) the Alaska Naval Militia.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 23 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

Chapter 55. Employment of Members of the National Guard and Veterans.

Sec. 23.55.010. National guard member and veteran hiring preference allowed. A private employer may grant an employment preference to a member of the national guard or a veteran when hiring an employee. In this section,

(1) "member of the national guard" means a person presently serving as a member in good standing in the national guard;

(2) "veteran" means a person who was discharged under honorable conditions from service in

- (A) the armed forces of the United States;
- (B) a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States;
- (C) the Alaska Territorial Guard;
- (D) the Alaska Army National Guard;
- (E) the Alaska Air National Guard; or
- (F) the Alaska Naval Militia.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 39.25.159(f)(3) is amended to read:

(3) "member of the national guard" means a person who

(A) is presently serving as a member in good standing in [OF] the national guard; or

(B) was released from service in the national guard under honorable conditions [ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD AND WHO HAS AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD];